

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney would like to thank Examiner Halpern for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of July 11, 2005.

Claims 38-76 are currently pending in the present application, including independent claims 38, 55, and 68.

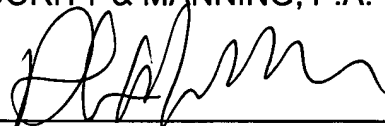
In the Office Action, claims 38-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirements. Specifically, the Office Action stated that term "single-ply" was stated as being new matter.

As discussed in the interview, however, single-ply layers are disclosed in the present Specification. For instance, the present Specification states that "the paper product can also be a **single-** or multi-ply product..." Page 5, lines 14-17, emphasis added. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that a single-ply layer is sufficiently and expressly disclosed in the present Specification in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicants respectfully resubmit that the present Application is in complete condition for allowance, thus favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should Examiner Halpern have any further questions or concerns, he is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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